

The following guideline applies to patients with suspected stroke requiring transfer:

## Stroke Onset < 8 hours

- Intra-cerebral hemorrhage:
  - Based on patient need after consultation with receiving facility
- Ischemic stroke:
  - Patients receiving thrombolytics
  - Patients at high risk for deterioration such as: Total MCA infarct, NIHSS > 18, or cerebellar or brainstem infarct

Transport to LERN Stroke
Level
I, II, or III with Appropriate
High Level Stroke
Management Service
Emergent 911 Level
Transfer with ALS Unit



## Stroke Onset ≥ 8 Hours

Secondary transfer based on patient need after consultation with receiving facility

Transport to LERN Stroke
Level
I, II, III
NOT a critical 911 Level

**Transfer** 

<sup>\*</sup> Based on current recommendations from AHA/ASA outlined in the document "Interactions Within Stroke Systems of Care". Protocols for interhospital transfer of patients should be established and approved beforehand so that efficient patient transfers can be accomplished at all hours of the day and night.